

## Module 1-6: The Distinction between ‘つ’ and ‘ちゅ’

In this module:

- You will learn how to pronounce ‘つ’ and ‘ちゅ’ correctly.
- You will practice pronouncing words with ‘つ’ and ‘ちゅ’ sounds.

It is difficult to correctly pronounce ‘つ’ and ‘ちゅ’, especially if your first language is Korean.

Watch the video below to learn how to pronounce the sounds:

<http://enunciate.arts.ubc.ca/japanese/lets-practice/tsu-vs-chu/>.

Practice I: Listen to the audio file and practice pronouncing the words and phrase below.



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| 1. つき<br>(moon)               | 2. いつ<br>(when)       | 3. つくえ<br>(desk)         |
| 4. げつようび<br>(Monday)          | 5. しゅうまつ<br>(weekend) | 6. きょうしつ<br>(classroom)  |
| 7. なつやすみ<br>(summer vacation) | 8. しつもん<br>(question) | 9. ちゅうしゃじょう<br>(parking) |
| 10. しつれいします<br>(Excuse me.)   |                       |                          |

Practice II: Practice with a Sound Recognition Device (ex. Siri, Google)

1. If you have access to a sound recognition/search device, say words and phrase (1) through (10) below to the device. Were the words and phrase recognized correctly? (Before speaking to the device, you may need to change the input mode into Japanese.)

If the words and phrase have been recognized correctly, the device will display the following words/phrase.

	Say these words	The device will display these		Say these words/phrase	The device will display these
1	つき	月	6	きょうしつ	教室
2	いつ	いつ	7	なつやすみ	夏休み
3	つくえ	机	8	しつもん	質問
4	げつようび	月曜日	9	ちゅうしゃじょう	駐車場
5	しゅうまつ	週末	10	しつれいします	失礼します

2. If the words and phrase are not recognized correctly, keep trying until they are. Did you figure out any tips for pronouncing the sounds correctly?